

be amended so that the railway company be compelled to erect gates satisfactory to the City Engineer at Colborne and Waterloo streets, in order to protect the school children. Carried.

Ald. Skinner said he opposed running the road on the street from conscientious motives, not selfish ones. On the north side of the street the road would ruin the school property. He would rather see it run inside the fence. He suggested resubmitting the question to the people.

Ald. Stringer strongly opposed running the road on the street, and resented the charge made by Ald. O'Meara.

Ald. Becher understood the railway people were prepared to buy their way in, and in that view of the case he must oppose giving the street.

Mr. M. D. Fraser said it was as the Mayor had stated—"Railway or no railway." They asked that the bylaw be passed.

Mr. John A. Cousins again protested against the street bylaw.

Ald. Cousins' amendment was then carried on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan and the Mayor—7. Nays—Ald. Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore and Becher—5.

Ald. Browne objected to the vote of Ald. Birrell, as he was a London Junction director.

Ald. Birrell stated that he had no personal interest in the road, and derived no profits from it, and therefore had the same right to vote as any other alderman.

Ald. Browne asked that Ald. Boyd (in the chair) vote.

Ald. Boyd—It is not a tie.

The Mayor resumed the chair.

Ald. Becher moved in further amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore:

That the following condition be added to the bylaw, namely: Provided, however, that the railway company do agree with the corporation to return \$5,000 (par value) of the \$30,000 debentures to be delivered to them, as lately voted by bylaw of this Council as compensation for damages done the said street. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Becher, seconded by Ald. Moore:

That the following condition be added to the bylaw: Provided, and it is agreed by the said company, that they shall erect and keep erected and maintained, so long as required by this Council, a close and substantial board fence at least nine feet high, along the northern side of York street, opposite where their line is to run on that street, as provided by this bylaw. Carried.

The bylaw having been duly amended, was read a second and third time and passed.

NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:

1. That the petition of J. H. Belton, to erect an office on corner of King and Wellington street, be granted, provided he encase it with brick.

2. That Dr. Moorehouse be appointed to the vacancy on the City Hospital staff.

3. Payment of \$7,054, Hospital accounts.

4. Payment of \$347 09 on account of new addition to the Hospital.

5. That Wm. Scott be paid the sum of \$170, on account of repairs to Covent Garden Market.

6. That the resignation of Sister Emma as head nurse at the City Hospital be accepted, and Sister Florence, a graduate of the St. Catharines training school, be appointed in her stead.

7. That the following appointments in the Fire Department be confirmed: Jas. Gleeson, to be driver, vice W. H. Ruddall, resigned; Jas. O'Hagan, reappointed on the call force, and Thos. Wheeler be appointed to the call force, vice Gleeson promoted.

8. Payment of Fire Department account, \$599 36.

9. That Chief Roe be authorized to have temporary repairs made to steam fire engine, so that it may be used in case of emergency.

10. That Mrs. Higham be allowed a rebate of one month's rent on account of the damage done her property during the time the roof was being reshingled.

11. That the petition of B. Slade be referred to the Council.

Discussion took place in reference to clause No. 2. An amendment to appoint Dr. Wilson was lost and another to appoint Dr. Drake. The clause was passed on the casting vote of the Mayor.

On motion of Ald. Hyman, clause 11 was referred back to the committee.

NUMBER ONE REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman, Payment of accounts to the amount of \$2,943 28. Adopted.

THE COW CATCHERS.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. O'Meara seconded, that the services of the special constables to carry out the cow bylaw, be dispensed with on and after Monday next. Carried.

Council adjourned till Monday, 17th instant.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair, Ald. Birrell, Labatt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Moore, Boyd, Hyman, Hunt, Becher, Stringer, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Chas. Stead and 60 other ratepayers of No. 1 Ward—Asking that the Council take measures to prevent the intolerable nuisance placed and maintained by the City Gas Company on Rount street by manufacturing gas from petroleum, and that said company be restrained from continuing this nuisance in the present vicinity, and that its immediate removal be ordered. No. 2.

Favorite Club—Asking use of the City Hall for Dec. 25. Gran ed.

T. G. Lowe—Complaint in reference to assessment for income. No. 1.

E. Yelland—In reference to block pavement assessment rate. No. 1.

H. B. Brown—Application for use of the City Hall on Saturday afternoon next for an entertainment. Granted.

Mrs. Hayes—Asking exemption from payment of taxes. No. 1.

Annie Kennedy—Asking remission of taxes, No. 1. Amos Weston—In reference to taxes for Wellington Street Sewer. No. 1.

Honora Kennedy—Asking to be relieved from paying taxes. No. 1.

James Syme and others—A petition in reference to improvements necessary at Carling's Creek. No. 2.

Geo. Brown—Praying for tax remission. No. 1. Cigar-makers' Union—For use of City Hall for an assembly on January 23. Granted.

The London Junction Railway Company—Surrender of rights granted under B. law No. 93, running on certain streets. Referred to No. 1 Committee.

Street Railway Company, for 25 cars selected paying stone, \$100. No. 2. Committee.

John Taitou, storage of steam roller in 1883, \$21. No. 1.

REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. In reference to the lighting of the street lamps for the ensuing five years after the expiration of the present contract, your committee beg leave to report having received the following offers from the City Gas Company:

Offer No. 1. The City Gas Company will light the street lamps for a further period of five years at a rate of 30 per lamp, all other conditions to be the same as those now in force.

Offer No. 2. The Gas Company will supply the city with gas for street lamps at \$1 25 per 1,000 feet, the quantity of gas consumed to be ascertained by a meter placed at every tenth lamp, the balance to be averaged from these; the city to undertake the lighting, cleaning and repairs of each lamp.

2. Your committee beg to report that they have received the following offer for the steam fire engine Forest City, and would recommend that the same be adopted:—

"I, Alexander Ferguson, of the Town of Millbrook, hereby offer the corporation of the City of London, the sum of \$1,600 for

the steam fire engine, Forest City, provided they renew the flues, fire plate and fire box and place a boiler in the room; the said sum to be paid in cash on delivery on cars not later than December 29, 1883.

Taken up clause by clause.

Ald. Hunt read the following additional offer from Mr. Duffield:

"Lamp lighted every night with foot burners consume 1500 feet each per annum; cost of gas per lamp at \$1 25 per 1,000, \$19; lamp per lamp 6; total cost \$25. There are three clear nights per month off when the moon is full."

In reply to Ald. Stringer, Ald. Hunt gave what information he had received in reference to electric light. He said they had no offer except that of Mr. Duffield to light the city with gas.

Ald. Cowan moved that the offer of the City Gas Company to light the city at \$20 per lamp be accepted, terms same as the old contract. No second.

Ald. Becher seconded Ald. Boyd's motion.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment that the offer of Mr. Duffield at 12¢ per lamp be accepted. No second.

Ald. Boyd's motion was then carried.

Second clause read and passed.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

B. Ald. Ervine, chairman—Payment of the following accounts:

Pay roll to Dec 6. \$94 37

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Total. \$189 46

Heiry Colerick, painting. 4 9

Wm. Anthistle, travertine. 13 74

John Bryan, sewer inspection. 36 00

Wm. Smith, William street sewer. 4 00

Seraton & Gibb, Talbot street sewer. 400 00

Wm. Cathro, Dufferin avenue sewer. 45 51

Total. \$1,429 24

The report was adopted.

NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman:

1. Recommend payment of the Kensington bridge arbitration account, amounting to \$124 53.

2. Your committee beg to submit a bylaw to authorize the corporation to borrow from the Canadian Bank of Commerce \$125,000.

3. Your committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Finlay McNeil and A. A. King & Co.

First clause passed and second read.

THE BYLAW.

was read to authorize the borrowing of \$125,000 from the Bank of Commerce.

The bylaw was read three times and passed; also the third clause of the report.

THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Ald. Stringer moved that No. 1 Committee be authorized to give information by advertising or otherwise for two weeks. Ald. Boyd seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

INVITED TO THE HOSPITAL.

Ald. Hunt said the furnished rooms in the new hospital wing would be shotted on Wednesday next, and he invited the aldermen to be present.

MR. PARRY'S BILL.

An account was read from D. H. Parry amounting to \$183, for extra work in connection with the preparation of the collect in '83. Mr. Parry had been assisting the City Clerk, but the latter refused to certify to the correctness of the account referred to No. 1 Committee, with power.

Adjourned for two weeks.